MIZUNO EITA

IT'S FINALLY BEEN REVIVED. HOW MANY YEARS AS IT BEEN, WELL, WELL, SINCE THE SERIES TOOK A BREAK? WELL, BECAUSE OF THAT, PLEASE STAY WITH US FOR A LONGER TIME!

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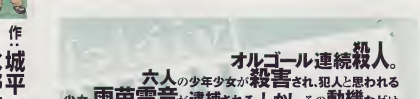

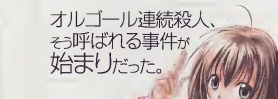

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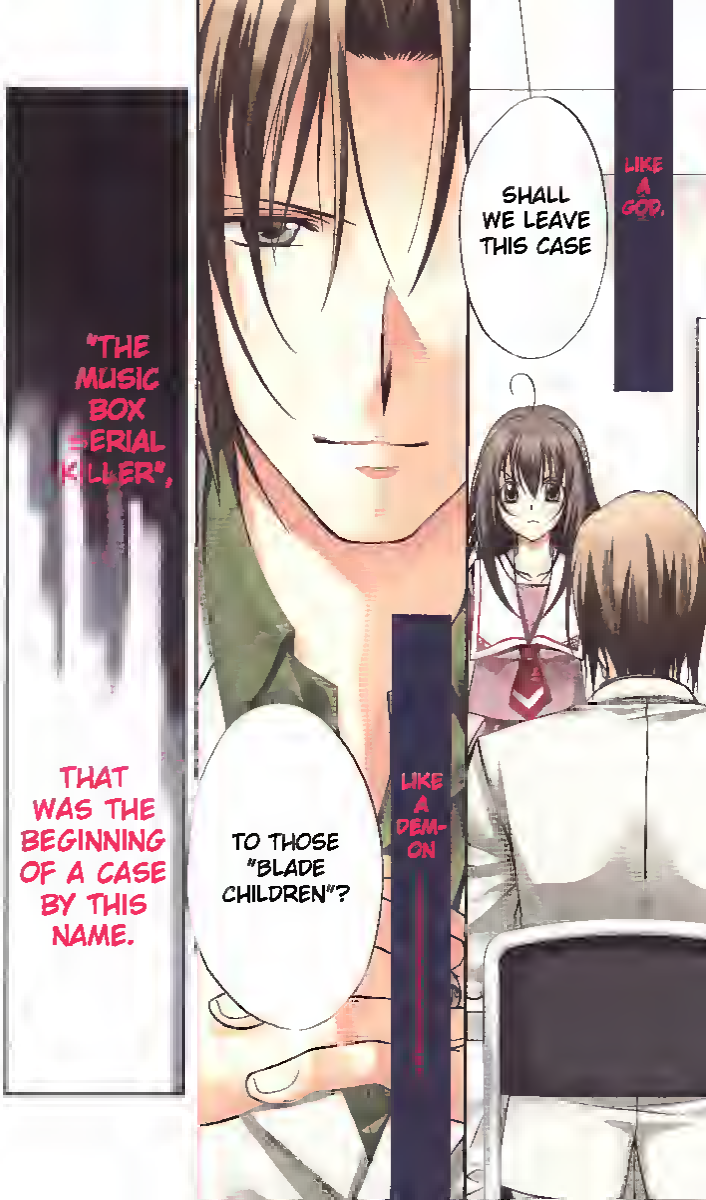
THERE IS A MAN KNOWN AS THE "GREAT DETECTIVE" WITHIN THE POLICE.
This isn't over yet!
THAT MAN'S NAME IS NARUMI KIYOTAKA.
Leaving aside the ones called "Blade Children",
That won't resolve the crime!
HE'S STRONGER AND ABOVE EVERYTHING.
... WELL, THEN
THEREFORE HE CONSPIRES.


"THE MUSIC BOX =ERIAL K LLER",
THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A CASE BY THIS NAME.
TO THOSE "BLADE CHILDREN"?
LIKE A DEM- ON
SHALL WE LEAVE THIS CASE
LIKE A GOD.

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I CAN'T SAY MY THOUGHTS
BECAUSE IF I SAY IT, I'LL JUST LOSE IT
BECAUSE I'M STILL TOO WEAK TO SAY IT.
England
Whaa
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
!

!!
You can't run anymore!
Asadzuki Kousuke!
Haa aa
Damn.
THE CURSED CHILDREN
"BLADE CHILDREN"...!
.....
WE'LL LET YOU DIE WITHOUT PAIN.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MORE BULLETS IN YOUR GUN.
STOP THE USELESS STRUGGLING
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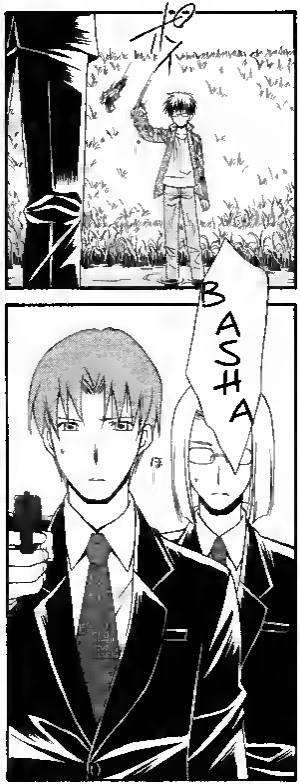
THERE IS ONLY QUICK DEATH FOR THOSE CHILDREN!

Did you think I carelessly dropped into the river?


BASHA
Don't be relieved.

THE WATER OF THE RIVER LETS ELECTRICITY PASS QUITE WELL.
I'VE BEEN IMPROVISING FOR A TIME LIKE THIS.
I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR LIVES.
WA...
ARE YOU PLANNING ON COMMITTING LOVER'S SUICIDE?!
!

...FUU
THAT TOY CAN COME IN HANDY TOO
Yes
It was quite splendid.

YOU PASS.
THINKING TO MAKE SOMEONE DIE OF AN ELECTRIC SHOCK USING JUST A POWERLESS STUN GUN
AND CATCHING THE ENEMIES WHEN THEY FALTER AND BEATING THEM -
.....
IF YOU SAW THAT, YOU COULD'VE HELPED ME,
KANONE
BUT
THIS LITTLE KITTEN HAD BEEN SWEPT AWAY WITHIN A CARDBOARD BOX,
Ah, what a sweet little ryan.
SINCE WHEN DO YOU GRIEVE FOR OTHERS?
FOR YOU TO FORGE YOUR BODY,
BECOMING STRONG ENOUGH FOR THAT IS GOOD.

IT SEEMS HE WANTS YOU TO RETURN TO JAPAN QUICKLY.
HE WANTS YOU TO HELP HIM SOLVE THE "MUSIC BOX SERIAL KILLER" NO MATTER WHAT.
WHAT'S THAT?
Music box serial killer?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, KIYOTAKA CONTACTED ME.
HE HAS SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU.
OF ME?

BUT SEE,

IT SEEMS THERE IS SOME KIND OF CASE LIKE THAT IN JAPAN.
WHY IS THAT?
IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH US, THE "BLADE CHILDREN"...
I'm Scared.

HAA?

I DON'T WANT TO MEET THAT WOMAN.
IS THAT SO?

"Takamachi Ryouko" -chan, was it?
It's been a while since you last met her, so it's a good chance, no?

ANYWAY, SHE'S BEEN KICKING ME AND HITTING ME FOR A LONG TIME
WHEN I TRIED TO RETALIATE AND PUT A FROG INSIDE HER POCKET,
THE NEXT DAY I FOUND A SNAKE IN MY BAG.
RYOUKO IS JUST A CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
"IF YOU WANT TO GO SO BADLY, YOU HAVE TO BEAT ME!!"
IN SHORT, IT'S A MISTAKE TO CONSIDER HER A WOMAN.
THAT'S ABOUT WHAT SHE SERIOUSLY SAID
AH—!
THE LAST TIME I LISTENED TO THAT NARUMI KIYOTAKA BASTARD AND DECIDED TO COME TO JAPAN ..
I thought that you had gone through some kind of carnage.
THAT'S WHY YOU WERE SO FULL OF WOUNDS WHEN YOU CAME BACK?
COULDN'T TELL HIM HE ALSO LOST.

IF I MET RYOUKO HERE,
THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO MEANING FOR ME TO GO TO JAPAN.
...ANYWAY, IS SHE DOING WELL RIGHT NOW?
STILL, I...
ALRIGHT
SO HERE,
YOUR PASSPORT AND AIRLINE TICKET.
O-OKAY
HEY, WAIT! I DIDN'T SAY I ACCEPT, DID I?!
EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T SAY IT, YOU CAN'T GO AGAINST KIYOTAKA
See
You started going!

Please go out with me!!
IF SHE WASN'T ONE OF THE "BLADE CHILDREN" LIKE ME
Takamachi -Senpai!
DAMN THAT KIYOTAKA BASTARD.
I JUST DON'T WANT TO MEET WITH RYOUKO AGAIN.
じゃーね
... AT LEAST

.....

... WHY IS IT THAT
くすくす
RYOUKO-SAN, AGAIN?
HOW MANY HAVE THERE BEEN SINCE YOU GOT TO THE THIRD YEAR?
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I'M ONLY GETTING CONFESSIONS FROM GIRLS...
THREE? FOUR?
AND HOW MANY WILL THERE BE UNTIL GRADUATION ... HUH?

キャ
THERE ARE A LOT OF GIRLS IN THE GALLERY TODAY TOO.
EVEN THOUGH I SAID I'M NOT INTO THAT AT ALL...!
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT WERE BOYS CONFESSING ...
BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
So cool !
So worr- ful !
WHY IS THAT,
Huh
RYOUKO-SAN, IT'S BECAUSE ALL OF THE BOYS ARE AFRAID OF YOU.
THE "TAKAMACHI RYOUKO LEGEND" IS FAMOUS IN OTHER SCHOOLS TOO.
WHAT
DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE ME
THEY DON'T KNOW ME THAT MUCH!!
THAT'S A LEAFLET OF SOME FEMALE GANG

That was because I accidentally hit him in a sensitive place...
Ah...
YOU GAVE THE CAPTAIN OF THE KARATE CLUB A QUICK KILL!
HUH
YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT?
Wasn't it just me grabbing her hand and running away...
Ah...
YOU GALLANTLY SAVED A KOUHAI WHO GOT INVOLVE WITH A YAKUZA!
THERE ARE MANY LEGENDS ABOUT YOU THAT WOULD MAKE AN AVERAGE BOY SCARED
YOU HAVE NO MERCY FOR BOYS AND ARE REALLY KIND TO THE GIRLS
And also, there is that one about you being
A bear killer...!!
RIGHT, RIGHT!
WHEN YOU WERE A GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT, YOU BEAT A BROWN BEAR.
.....
THAT'S PROBABLY A LIE~

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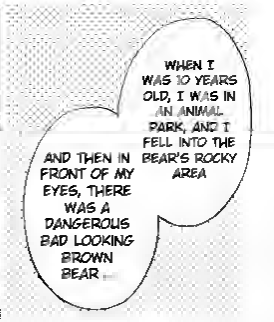
Haaa
No
Well ...
Wha
No...
No way...

You really beat it?!
The bear!!!
No, no, no!


WHEN I WAS 10 YEARS OLD, I WAS IN AN ANIMAL PARK, AND I FELL INTO THE BEAR'S ROCKY AREA
AND THEN IN FRONT OF MY EYES, THERE WAS A DANGEROUS BAD LOOKING BROWN BEAR...

WHEN I FELL INTO THAT ROCKY AREA,
A BASTARD CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHO CAME WITH ME QUICKLY JUMPED IN.

ANYWAY, I WASN'T ALONE.

BECAUSE HE JUMPED IN AS MY GUARDIAN ALTHOUGH HE IS WEAK
NO !!
And
And that ... childhood friend beat him...?!
... YOU STUPID GIRL...
GAHA
DID YOU PLAN TO LOOK COOL WITH THAT?!
...DI-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
AND THEN WE STARTED FIGHTING,
AND THE BEAR BECAME AFRAID OF IT AND WENT AWAY..
AND FROM THEN ON, THAT BEAR WAS AFRAID OF US EACH TIME HE SAW US... THAT'S ALL.
Oh! Another one for the Takamachi Ryouko legend!!

I'LL HELP YOU!
I'M GONNA FOLLOW YOU FOR LIFE!
I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE ONCE AGAIN,
RYOUKO-SAN!

STOP TALKING NONSENSE AND START RUNNING AFTER YOU FINISH DOING THE PUSH-UPS!

BUT THAT CHILDHOOD MALE FRIEND OF YOURS IS AMAZING TOO
WELL, IF THEY DON'T APPROACH, THEY WON'T ASK ME TO GO OUT WITH THEM.

That should prevent any boy from approaching me...
So they've said in the shadows that I've killed a bear...

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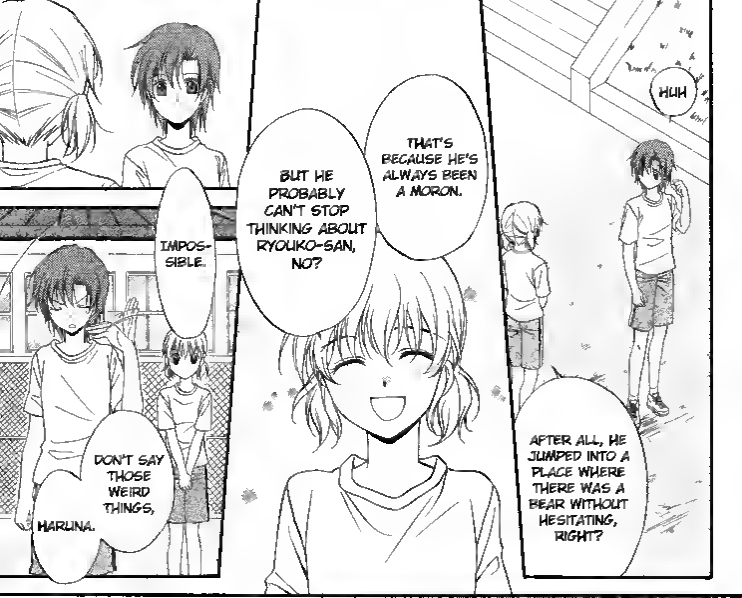
HUH
AFTER ALL, HE JUMPED INTO A PLACE WHERE THERE WAS A BEAR WITHOUT HESITATING, RIGHT?
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A MORON.
BUT HE PROBABLY CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT RYOUKO-SAN, NO?
IMPOS-SIBLE.
DON'T SAY THOSE WEIRD THINGS, HARUNA.

AFTER ALL, HE...
WENT AWAY SOME-WHERE AND LEFT ME...
IT'S THEM!
IT'S REALLY THEM!

Target detected!
About what?
English
Ah, there's a test tomorrow.
...Huh?
Hahaha Ryouko-kun.

You are becoming more and more sexy each time I see you.
RYOU-RYOUKO-SAN!!
IT'S A DEGEN-ERATE, A DEGEN-ERATE!!
CALL THE POLICE !!
Be relieved!
Young maidens !!
I'm in the police!
And also a police inspector!
.....
... THAT MUST BE A LIE.

I know him!!
Wa-wait!
He's really in the police.
YOU OVERDID IT!!
Don't underestimate the track team!

Ouch!
let go of me already.

I'M FED UP WITH YOUR PRANKS.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
NARUMI KIYO-TAKA.

.....
SO

HAVE A LOOK INSIDE
コツン
WELL
.. DON'T GIVE ME THAT SCARY FACE
ビデ
... INSIDE?
KOUSUKE?!

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... AND WITH THAT, RYOUKO,
I NEED TO ASK SOMETHING OF YOU
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はっ
はっ
IT MIGHT NOT BE INTERESTING,
BUT I CAN'T IGNORE IT.
WHA~
YOU WERE PLANNING TO GO BACK TO JAPAN AND NOT EVEN MEET ME?!
KIYOTAKA !!
I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO MEET WITH RYOUKO!!

I don't want to see your sex appeal-less face.
Don't think so highly of yourself.
You're even weaker than me!
I'm not the old me!
You're just a push-over
HA HA
Da-damn...
No
So you want to try fighting me like that?
Hey, give me your face.
Don't stretch it, you bastard.
If you want to keep your lives, you'd better listen to me.
Ryouko, you know about it, right?
About the "Music box serial killer" that started to act a month ago?

THE INCIDENTS WHERE 14-15 YEAR OLD PEOPLE WHO DIE ONE AFTER ANOTHER,
AND IN THE SCENE, ALL THAT IS LEFT IS JUST A MUSIC BOX WITH A MELODY THAT NO ONE KNOWS.
RIGHT.
THERE HAVE BEEN 6 VICTIMS SO FAR.
THE INVESTIGATION CAN'T KEEP UP WITHOUT KNOWING THE MOTIVE
THE TOWN'S BEEN IN AN UPROAR IN THE SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.
IF THE KIDS ARE ALL AGE 14-15, THAT MEANS
ALL OF THE VICTIMS ARE THE SAME "BLADE CHILDREN" AS US?
THAT'S REALLY HOW IT IS
SO THE POLICE CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVE, AND THEIR MOVEMENT IS BECOMING DULL.
AND THERE IS NO WAY THE TRUTH CAN GET TO THE MASS MEDIA.
OOPS
EVEN IF IT GETS TO THEM, THAT INFORMATION WILL BE DISCARDED.

Your existence is top secret in every country.
THE CURSED CHILDREN...
YOU YOURSELVES PROBABLY KNOW THE REASON FOR THE MURDERS.
EVEN IN JAPAN WHERE I AM NOW,
THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO ARE AIMING FOR YOU.
SLACK
SO IN SHORT,
YOUR REQUEST OF ME IS TO CATCH THE CULPRIT?
That's not it.

WHAT'S THAT?
The culprit has already been caught.
THE MOTIVE WAS UNKNOWN,
AND THE POLICE COULD BARELY MOVE.
DESPITE THAT, THE CULPRIT WAS CAUGHT?
ALL OF THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
HEY
THAT'S WEIRD.
THE CULPRIT WAS EASILY ARRESTED.
SHE ADMITTED TO ALL OF THE CHARGES,
AND THE CASE ENDED
ANYTHING REGARDING THE "BLADE CHILDREN" CAN'T BECOME A KNOWN AFFAIR.
EVEN IF THE POLICE ARE INVOLVED, NO ONE BUT YOU AND THE ONES ABOVE YOU CAN KNOW ABOUT OUR EXISTENCE.
THAT WAS TAKEN CARE OF QUITE WELL.

IF YOUR CULPRIT TALKS, WON'T IT GET TO THE MASS MEDIA QUICKLY?
THE CULPRIT THAT WAS CAUGHT WAS A MINOR.
HEE
BECAUSE OF THAT, HER NAME WASN'T GIVEN, AND THE INFORMATION DIDN'T GET OUT.
BUT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THEY DISCUSSED WHETHER SHE HAD A BAD HEART OR NOT.
... WELL
SOSO
EVEN WITH LITTLE PROOF, IT BECAME A TOPIC IN THE NEWS ON TV.
IN GENERAL, IT WAS ALL COVERED COMPLETELY ...
This is the culprit that was caught.

Amanae Yukine,
16 years old.
I QUICKLY TOOK THE INVESTIGATION AWAY FROM THE FIRST SECTION,
AND SHE WAS GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT.
THE POLICE ALSO SAID SOMETHING LIKE, "WE'LL CONSIDER HER BEING A MINOR"
...
HEY
EVEN NOW, ANYONE BUT THOSE WHO ARE RELATED TO THAT ONE PART CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH THE GIRL.
KIYOTAKA
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
FU

ASADZUKI KOUSUKE,
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID
THAT CULPRIT,
HER LINE OF THINKING WHEN SHE WAS CAUGHT IS WEIRD
FOR WHATEVER OTHER REASONS,
I CAN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BESIDES AMANAE YUKINE PLANNING HOW SHE'LL BE CAUGHT BEFOREHAND.
SHE'S NOT THE REAL CULPRIT.
ALTHOUGH SHE WAS CAUGHT, THERE IS PROBABLY A DIFFERENT GOAL
If so, don't you think...

There is some kind of dangerous conspiracy that is related to the "Blade Children" going on?
Asadzuki Kousuke.
Takamachi Ryouko.
Take out that person
And settle this.
CHE

CAN'T YOU SETTLE THIS SOME WAY OR ANOTHER?
AFTER ALL, CONSPIRACIES ARE YOUR SPECIALTY.
The police headquarters' "Great Detective",
The one that is called a god,
And also
The one who judges the "Blade Children"...
... IF MY INTUITION IS RIGHT,
THE ONES WHO CAN REALLY BRING A CONCLUSION TO THIS CASE ARE
ONLY THE ONES WHO KNOW LOVE.

IS YOUR HEAD ALRIGHT?
……
HUUUH
……
The boyfriend who caught Amanae Yukine.
Sawamura Shirou,
16 years old.
YES
IN SPITE OF THAT, THAT SAWAMURA BOY STILL LOVES AMANAE YUKINE, SO IT SEEMS.
A BOYFRIEND WHO HANDS OVER HIS GIRLFRIEND ..?
AND THAT BOY IS THE ONE WHO HANDED OVER HIS GIRLFRIEND TO THE POLICE.

This is Sekiguchi Imari,
16 years old too.
...
And
That one
SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH THAT SAWAMURA SHIROU, BUT SHE CAN'T REALLY COMPETE
SHE CALLED AMANAE YUKINE, WHO IS SAWAMURA'S GIRLFRIEND, "THAT DAMN BITCH"
SHE'S A HAPPY GIRL WHO CURSES HER LOVE RIVAL
YOU CAN SEE SHE'S HAPPY FROM THE FICTURE TOO
SHE'S STUPID TOO
But

But only that girl
Still claims that Amanae Yukine is innocent.
THE BOYFRIEND HANDED THE GIRLFRIEND OVER TO THE POLICE,
AND THE LOVE RIVAL CLAIMS SHE'S INNOCENT, BUT IT SHOULD BE THE OPPOSITE, NO?
.....
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?

DAMN
THAT KIYOTAKA
WHY DO I HAVE TO STAY AT RYOUKO'S HOUSE?
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ぶ"ち
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU'RE UNHAPPY WITH MY HOUSE?
UNTIL HALF A YEAR AGO, YOU EVEN LODGED HERE COUNTLESS TIMES.
That's why I want you
To settle this issue.

PEOPLE WILL THINK THAT YOU'RE A BRAT WHO RAN AWAY FROM HOME AND CALL THE POLICE
FIRST,
IF YOU STAY IN SOME HOTEL,
SEE
It's definitely conspiracy of his.
ISN'T IT IN THE POWER OF SOCIETY TO PREPARE SOME SPECIAL REFUGEE STATUS FOR ME THERE...?
SO EVEN NOW, YOUR AUNT
RARELY COMES BACK HOME?
I'LL CLEAR THE GUEST ROOM.
LET'S PREPARE YOUR BED.
I UNDER-STAND.

SHE SELDOM CALLS,
BUT EVEN WITH THAT, SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, BECAUSE SHE'S FLYING AROUND FOR HER JOB.
ぱたん
THIS LIFESTYLE SHOULD BE THE BEST.
SINCE YOU CAME TO JAPAN HALF A YEAR AGO.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING THAT YOU DIDN'T CONTACT ME AT ALL?
YOU TOO,
AND I DID ONE THING OR ANOTHER ABROAD.
I GOT TOGETHER WITH A GUY WHO MOVES WITH SOMETHING HE CALLS "A PLAN FOR THE BLADE CHILDREN'S SALVATION".
……
ぶっ

WELL
IT'S NOT A PLAN YOU CAN COUNT ON
.....
ISN'T IT DANGEROUS?
I HEARD PLACES ABROAD ARE DIFFERENT FROM JAPAN, AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING TO ANNIHILATE THE "BLADE CHILDREN"...
IF THAT'S DANGEROUS, THAT'S HOW MY LIFE IS.
YOU HAVE SCHOOL, SO YOU PROBABLY CAN'T MOVE FREELY,
AND THIS YEAR, YOU HAVE THE EXAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL.
TAKE THE ROLE OF A STUDENT SERIOUSLY.
KO...
RYOUKO
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO,
BUT THIS CASE IS NOT SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES KYOTAKA TO BRING YOU TOO.

IT...
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL CAUSE ANY TROUBLE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I TEAMED UP WITH YOU, KOUSUKE
IT... IT'S NOT BAD.
AS IF I WANT TO TEAM UP WITH YOU.
IT'S DEPRESSING.
YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL, YOU'RE JUST VIOLENT.
AND YOU'RE BECOMING MORE AND MORE OF A GIANT TOO
ARE YOU EVEN A GIRL, WITH ALL OF THAT?

DOWA
SHUT UP!!
YOU FOUR-EYES..
WHAT ARE YOU DO
GWA AA
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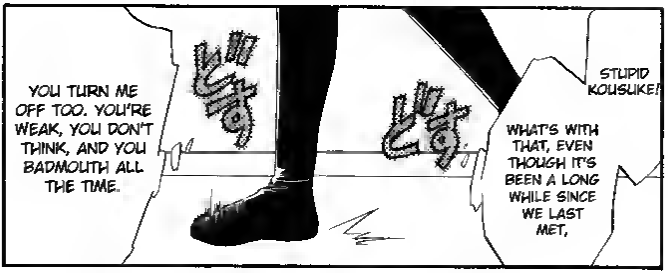
YOU TURN ME OFF TOO. YOU'RE WEAK, YOU DON'T THINK, AND YOU BADMOUTH ALL THE TIME.
STUPID KOUSUKE!
WHAT'S WITH THAT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE WE LAST MET,

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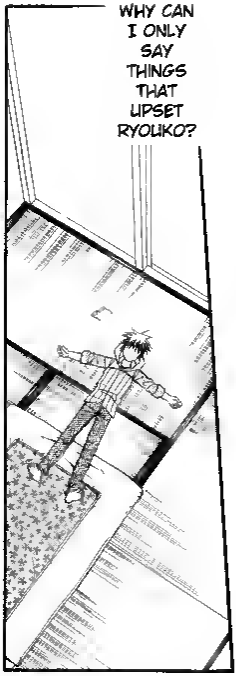
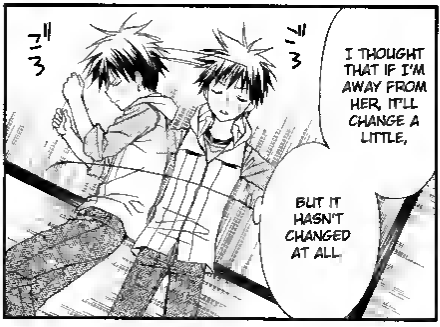
.....
ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOMETHING I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF SAYING...
WHY DID I BECOME VIOLENT SO SUDDENLY JUST NOW...
ガチャ
WHY
CAN'T I BE HONEST...
ARE YOU EVEN A GIRL, WITH ALL OF THAT?
YES, I'M SORRY!
FOR MY HEIGHT, FOR BEING VIOLENT, AND FOR NOT BEING CUTE!


WHY CAN I ONLY SAY THINGS THAT UPSET RYOUKO?

I WONDER, IF I BRUSH MY HAIR A LITTLE BIT,
WHETHER I WILL BECOME A LITTLE CUTER, LIKE A GIRL


I THOUGHT THAT IF I'M AWAY FROM HER, IT'LL CHANGE A LITTLE,
BUT IT HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL

EVEN IF I TRAIN MORE AND I GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE,
I STILL CAN'T BECOME RELIABLE?
SO PATHETIC
I SHOULD HAVE BECOME STRONGER,
BUT I STILL CAN'T BEAT RYOUKO.
DAMN.
... I'M PROBABLY ...
NOT RELIABLE AT ALL...
... CHE

I DIDN'T WANT TO MEET HER YET.
CHA-
LIKE THIS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY WHAT IT IS I WANT TO SAY.
I HAVE TO SAY IT SOME DAY.
IS IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT THAT DAY?
I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL BE KILLED.
EVEN IF I'M NOT KILLED, IT WON'T BE EASY. WE ARE THE BLADE CHILDREN, AFTER ALL.

BUT I WAS FORCED INTO A WEIRD PROBLEM.
IF I JUDGE IT ONLY FROM THE OUTSIDE, IT'LL BE PAINFUL, BUT...
DEPENDING ON KIYOTAKA FROM THE HEAD CAN LEAD TO BAD TIME.
ABOUT THAT BASTARD

WHAT IS HE PLANNING, USING THIS INCIDENT...

YOUNG KIDS ARE DEFINITELY GOOD.
ASADZUKI'S ATTITUDE WILL BECOME IMPORTANT, BUT...
IN THE END, THE ONE TO GRASP THE KEY WILL PROBABLY BE SEKIGUCHI IMARI.

...
WELL
IT'S GOOD IF THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE LEFT IN MY HAND.

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THE CONNECTING RING, THE CONNECTED RING

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HEY, KOUSUKE.

DON'T EAT WHILE READING
IT'S POOR DECORUM.
SHUT UP.
IF YOU DON'T EAT FAST, YOU'LL BE LATE TO MORNING PRACTICE
I ALWAYS WAKE UP AROUND THIS TIME.
I'LL BE ON TIME.
KOUSUKE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO EARLY?
ISN'T IT HARD? YOU JUST GOT BACK FROM ENGLAND YESTERDAY
HMM...
I JUST WANT TO FINISH THIS CASE QUICKLY.

I HAVE TO QUICKLY STORE THE DATA ABOUT THE "MUSIC BOX SERIAL KILLER" THAT KIYOTAKA GAVE US IN MY MEMORY
THERE IS TOP SECRET DATA FROM THE POLICE TOO.
IS THERE ANY CHANCE...
すぅ…
HE WAS UP READING THE DATA ALL NIGHT...?
WHAT IS HE THINK-ING?
KOU……
……
……
SO...
HOW MUCH DO YOU BELIEVE THAT AMANAE YUKINE IS THE REAL CULPRIT?

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT AMANAE YUKINE, BEFORE EACH AND EVERY CASE...
HAD A MUSIC BOX WITH THE SAME MELODY AND SHAPE AS THE ONE THAT WAS ALWAYS LEFT BEHIND AT THE MURDER SCENE.
IT WAS SAID IN THE TESTIMONY AND THE ITEMS WERE CONFISCATED TOO.
SO SHE WAS AT LEAST USED BY THE CULPRIT...
WHO GAVE THE TESTIMONY?
SEKIGUCHI IMARI...
AND SAWAMURA SHIROU.
キュ
EITHER WAY, AMANAE YUKINE HERSELF GAVE THAT MUSIC BOX TO SEKIGUCHI IMARI.
AND ASKED HER TO GIVE IT TO SAWAMURA SHIROU.

SAWAMURA SHIROU GAVE THE POLICE THAT AS EVIDENCE IN THE END.
.....
AND SO..
Beast
WHAT KIND OF..
RELATIONSHIP WAS THERE BETWEEN..
AMANAE YUKINE, SAWAMURA SHIROU, AND SEKIGUCHI IMARI?
Sawamura and Amanae were boyfriend and girlfriend
And that moronic looking girl has..
Fallen for that Sawamura on her own..
So she hates his real girlfriend Amanae

SOUNDS LIKE A WEIRD STORY...
THAT AGAIN...
THEN WHY DID SHE GIVE HER THE MUSIC BOX IN THE FIRST PLACE?

IN THE BEGINNING...

SO IT WAS HARD FOR HER TO CONFESS WHEN SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS
MOEKI-SAN
BUT SAWAMURA SUDDENLY LEFT SCHOOL AND CHANGED RESIDENCE
IMARI, WHO FELL FOR SAWAMURA AT FIRST SIGHT, WANTED TO CONFESS

AT THAT TIME, AMANAE-SAN FROM CLASS 3 WHO KNEW SAWAMURA'S WHEREABOUTS APPROACHED IMARI...
AKANE-SAN
RIGHT...

WHEN WE WENT TO MEET SAWAMURA AFTER THAT...
RIGHT FROM THAT MOMENT, AMANAE WAS SUSPICIOUS
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID...
WHILE YOU DO YOUR CONFESSION, COULD YOU GIVE THIS TO HIM?
WHILE SHE GAVE HER THE BOX WITH THE MUSIC BOX INSIDE
WE LEARNT THE TRUTH ABOUT SAWAMURA AND AMANAE-SAN DATING...
IT'S NOT BEEN THAT LONG YET, BUT...
WE'RE DATING
WHAT WAS AMANAE THINKING, TELLING SOMEONE TO CONFESS TO HER OWN BOYFRIEND...?
I WON'T ALLOW IT AMANAE YUKINE!!
WHEN IMARI WENT TO CLASS 3 THE NEXT DAY...
WE WERE TOLD THAT A NOTICE CAME FROM AMANAE'S HOUSE YESTERDAY ABOU HER QUITING SCHOOL.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AMANAE, SHE QUIT SCHOOL YESTERDAY

I HAVE AMANAE
AND SO SHE WAS REJECTED
AFTER THAT, IMAI SOMEHOW MANAGED TO CONFESS TO SAWAMURA...
My love is real! Go out with me!
THE REASON SHE LEFT SCHOOL WAS A LIE
SHE HID HER WHEREABOUTS WITHOUT TELLING SAWAMURA
WE ALSO DON'T KNOW WHY SHE APPROACHED IMAI
HMM...
BUT DID HE KNOW ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS ACTS AMANAE-SAN PERFORMED?
SHE ONLY TALKED ABOUT THINGS WE DON'T GET AT ALL YET AGAIN
WHY DID NARUMI KIYOTAKA START MOVING? OR WHAT ABOUT THE BLADE CHILDREN'S PROBLEM?
BUT AMANAE-SAN WHOSE WHEREABOUTS WERE UNKNOWN SUDDENLY APPEARED IN FRONT OF US...
WE DON'T REALLY THINK THEY'RE CONNECTED
THE MUSIC BOX THAT SHE GAVE IMAI THAT TIME AND THE MUSIC BOX SERIAL KILLER...

YES...
AND IT'S BECOME WEIRD AGAIN SINCE THEN...
WELL...
トン
THAT'S HOW IT FEELS.
THAT'S REALLY WEIRD.
BEFORE THE INCIDENT, AMANAE YUKINE HAD...
GONE AND IMPRESSED A THIRD PERSON WITH THE PROBLEMATIC MUSIC BOX?
RIGHT
IT GOES WELL WITH HER MOVEMENTS AFTER THAT.
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE WAS SCATTERING BAIT FOR THE INVESTIGATION TO CATCH ON.
HER DATING SAWAMURA SHIROU...
AND INVOLVING SEKIGUCHI IMARI IN IT TOO
I CAN'T SEE ANY OTHER REASON THAN GETTING HERSELF CAUGHT EASILY

BASICALLY
AMANAE WAS CAUGHT WITH THOSE TWO LINES
SHE WAS CAUGHT RED-HANDED WHEN ASSAULTING THE 6TH VICTIM
EVEN THAT WAS BY USING THEM BOTH TO LET THEM GET CLOSE TO THE SCENE
.....
IN THE TIME WE DID NOT MEET...
WHETHER IT'S INCI-DENTS OR MURDER-ERS...
IT FEELS LIKE YOU HAVE BECOME QUITE USED TO IT ALL
.....
SO THE PROB-LEM...
TURNS INTO THE QUESTION
WHY DID AMANAE WANT TO GET CAUGHT?

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING EXCEPT IT STARTED BY IT BEING ARRANGED BEFOREHAND.
AND ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ONE WHO HAS A RIVALRY RELATIONSHIP WITH HER, SEKIGUCHI IMARI IS THE ONE TO APPEAL FOR AMANAE'S INNOCENCE, THAT IS A WEIRD SITUATION.
HER BOYFRIEND SAWAMURA HELPED IN CAPTURING HER WITHOUT DOING ANY ACTIONS THAT STOOD OUT.
YES.
ALSO...
STARTING FROM THE 5TH VICTIM, THE MURDER TECHNIQUES CHANGED STRANGELY.
WE CAN'T IGNORE THE POSSIBILITY THAT AMANAE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE.

AND LATE AT NIGHT, THEIR CORPSE WAS TAKEN SOMEWHERE ELSE, OR SO IT SEEMED.
IT WAS EARLIER FOR THE 5TH AND THE 6TH...
THEY WERE MURDERED AFTER BEING CALLED OUT AFTER 9 PM IN THE EVENING.
UP 'TIL THEN, THEY WERE KILLED AFTER BEING CALLED OUT LATE AT NIGHT, OR SO IT SEEMED.
THEN MOVING THE CORPSE?
MURDERING IN ONE PLACE...
TO A PLACE WHERE THERE ARE NO PEOPLE AT NIGHT, AND EVEN NOT WHEN THE DAY STARTS.
BECAUSE TWO OF THE VICTIMS WERE SHORT, IT WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM FOR EVEN AMANAE TO TRANSPORT THEM, BUT...
IT'S HARD TO KILL SOMEONE IN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT AN EARLY HOUR.
BUT TO A CULPRIT THAT DOES HER WAY IN SERIAL KILLING AND LEAVES A MUSIC BOX BEHIND...
SO SHE HAS TO TRANSPORT THE CORPSE.

WHEN DID THE ASSAULT OF THE 6TH PERSON - WHICH ENDED IN AN ATTEMPT - HAPPEN?
AFTER 1:00 AM
LATE AT NIGHT.
BECAUSE TWO OF THE VICTIMS WERE SHORT, IT WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM FOR EVEN AMANAE TO TRANSPORT THEM, BUT..
IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO THINK THAT THOSE TWO CASES WHERE DONE BY SOMEONE ELSE IN THE END.
SO THE TECHNIQUE WENT BACK TO THE USUAL?
CORRECT.
BUT FOR SOME REASON THAT'S ABNORMAL...
EVEN WITH COMPLICITY, IT'S EASY TO ARRANGE A STRATEGY
IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS INTENDED TO MAKE US SENSE THE EXISTANCE OF ACCOMPLICES.

IT'S EXACTLY LIKE THAT BASTARD KIYO-TAKA
THAT WAY OF DOING THINGS WHILE HINDER-ING!
SHE WAS CAUGHT SPREADING A LOT OF RIDDLES
THAT AMANAE GIRL...
.....

RYOUKO.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU YESTERDAY. DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH THIS CASE.

JUST LIKE I SAID.
DOING THIS IN THE SPARE TIME AFTER SCHOOL AND CLUB ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE EASY AT ALL.
...IS SHE GONNA HIT ME AGAIN AFTER SAYING THAT...?
ビク
YOU AND I ARE BOTH "BLADE CHILDREN."
THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN'T NOT GET INVOLVED IN
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IN THAT CASE, KIYOTAKA HAS INVOLVED RYOUKO
SINCE I DON'T KNOW HIS GOAL...
I BETTER NOT PLAY INTO HIS HANDS
SO I BETTER KEEP HER AT A DISTANCE FOR NOW...
KIYOTAKA ASKED KOUSUKE AND ME TO PUT AN END TO THIS CASE
BUT THE TRUTH IS
KIYOTAKA'S PULLING THE STRINGS BEHIND AMANAE YUKINO, ISN'T HE?

Is there anything more dangerous to me than being hit by you?
KOU-SUKE?
DON'T DO ANYTHING DANGER-OUS
Guh!

I wonder if it's okay to leave him alone...
キィ…
Right...

HMM...
SOMEHOW I SCANNED THROUGH IT ALL AND GOT IT INTO MY HEAD BUT...
I STILL HAVE INFORMATION MISSING.
sfx: ping pong
ALTHOUGH THE ONE I WANT TO TALK TO THE MOST IS AMANAE YUKINE...
CAN'T I GO MEET AND TALK ABOUT IT WITH SAWAMURA SHIROU AND SEKIGUCHI IMARI DIRECTLY?

HERE
WHO IS IT..?
Asad-zuki
sfx: beep
sfx ping pong
ピンポーン
WHO IS IT?
It's me.
THAT VOICE
ガチャ
THAT'S IT
KI...

YO...
TAKA...
I have some time
Asadazuki
.....
.....
What's with that outfit, Kiyotaka...?
It's the only way I can contact you in public
With a disguise that doesn't stick out.
YOU STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB!

I'll let you meet with Sekiguchi Imari now.
Kids find it really popular
More importantly, Asada-zuki...
Beast
Hey, do you think a taxi will stop when I'm wearing this outfit?
SO AT LEAST USE A TAXI!!
SO STOP WITH THE OUTFIT!
AND WHY A FROG!?
Beast
DON'T YOU HAVE A CAR!?
WHY ARE WE USING A BICYCLE!?
It's in vehicle inspection right now.
And all the police cars are out.
HEY...

Because...
Green is beautiful.
ムリ
ムリ
DON'T WEAR THAT COSTUME WHILE BICY-CLING
I manage to do it quite well
The joints are com-fortable too
HE'S HOPELESS NO MATTER WHAT I SAY
DAMN
But I can't quite see what's in front ☆
.....!
Hm!

!!!
WAIT A MINU...
HILL
I'LL BECOME THE WORLD'S FASTEST FROG!!
HOLD ON TIGHT!
Whaa
AND ALSO GOOD LUCK!
I HAVE GOOD INTUITION!
Stop the bicycle!!
It's hopeless!
DON'T WORRY.

YOU WON'TTTT
HE'S LATE!!

IMAI!
DID YOU REALLY MEET THE MAN NAMED "NARUMI KIYOTAKA"?
I MET WITH HIM!
AND WE TALKED ABOUT AMANAE!
AND HE PROMISED ME HE'D BE WAITING HERE TODAY!!
I'M WORRIED BECAUSE THE CASE HAS BECOME SO INDEFINITE, BUT...
AREN'T WE DOING SOMETHING BAD?
YEEEAH
AMANAE IS SO FULL OF MYSTERIES
AND IT'S ALSO TRUE WE CAN'T ACCEPT SAWAMURA'S REACTION
CAN'T HE AT LEAST TELL US WHAT HE KNOWS?
Ke ke ke
That Amanae.
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I won't let your love go on!
I'll shove it in your eyes!!
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?
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Yes...
sorry for making you wait.
Mari-kun and friends.
.....

IMARI, WHEN DID YOU BECOME ACQUAINTANCED WITH A FROG!?
I'M NOT ACQUAINTANCED WITH A FROG!
COULD YOU BE..
"NARUMI KIYOTAKA"?
!!!
That's correct
Akane-kun.
For some reason I'm now a frog but...
What reason!?
As a man, I'm known as the great detective from the police HQ..
Narumi Kiyotaka

I'm really busy right now.
So I left the case of Amanae Yukine to him
Please discuss it with him
The young detective Asadzuki Kousuke.
WHO IS A YOUNG DETECTIVE!?
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT IT!!
HEY
MR GREAT DETECTIVE FROM THE POLICE HQ
HE SAID HE DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT, DIDN'T HE?
I'M A MORON, SO I FORGET IMMEDIATELY.
IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE IT TO A STUPID YOUNG DETECTIVE?
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フッフッフッ
Umm?
It seems they came to pick me up

NARUMI KI-YOTAKA, YOU BASTARD!
WE GOT SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT A WEIRD FROG GONE WILD!!
Asaduki.
I'm counting on you
Well— I'm off now.

WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING?
YOU ONCE AGAIN...
MOVED WITH THAT "MUSIC BOX SERIAL KILLER" CASE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SEKIGUCHI IMARI WAS THERE.

No way
That case is over.
WAS YOU, RIGHT?
BESIDES, THE ONE WHO CAP-TURED THE CULPRIT...
SAIKI.
IT WASN'T SOLVED AT ALL!
SINCE WHEN AND WHERE THE CULPRIT STARTED WORKING..
THE INVE-STIGATION WAS SHELVED AND THERE'S ZERO INFOR-MATION.
AND IT WAS AN ORDER FROM WITHIN THE POLICE TO STOP THE INVESTIGA-TION!
Look foreword while you drive.

Oops...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME ABOUT THE EXISTANCE OF SAWAMURA SHIROU!
YOU LET ME CATCH HER.
ALSO, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAUGHT AMANAE YUKINE
WAS THAT HOW IT WAS?
UMARI.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE YOUNG DETECTIVE?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BEING MOCKED
IT SEEMS LIKE HE HAS A BAD PERSONALITY
Is he ignoring us?
.....
WOW... THIS IS REALLY AWKWARD.
... THREE GIRLS OLDER THAN ME.
HA...!
IT'S OBVIOUS YOU DON'T TRUST ME.
IT PROBABLY LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT RELATED TO THE CASE.
CAN'T WE AT LEAST TALK?
HA!!?

WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE TOWARDS PEOPLE OLDER THAN YOU?
SO!
SORRY
IMARI STARTS HITTING QUITE FAST LATELY...
What's with hitting someone younger than you the first time you meet them!?
SHALL WE TALK NOW?
OKAY?
...I UNDERSTAND...
ANYWAY...
YOU SAY AMANAE YUKINE ISN'T THE CULPRIT?
YES.
THAT FUCKING BITCH ISN'T THE CULPRIT!

I DO!!
SHE'S JUST COVERING FOR THE REAL CULPRIT!
DO YOU HAVE ANY BASIS FOR THAT?
バーン!
Because we are
Amanae's alibi witnesses!!
ALIBI HUH...?
.....

I'M WORRIED ABOUT KOUSUKE...
IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN UNABLE TO CHANGE YOUR EXPRESSION SINCE MORNING PRACTICE.
HARUNA...
WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOY WHO WAS OUTSIDE SCHOOL YESTERDAY?
RYOUKO-SAN?
I SHOULD GO HOME RIGHT AFTER I REST FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES...
HE'S A PEST FROM THE PAST...
HA!!

HUH ?
SAWAMURA SHIROU!?
THAT'S...
!!!
WHY IS HE HERE...?

TAKA-MACHI RYOUKO !?
ビクッ
!?
な……
WHY DOES HE KNOW ME!?
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なにやら
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COULD YOU LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH?
WHA?
I BEG OF YOU!

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CHAPTER 9:

THE STRATEGY DANCES, AND DOES NOT DANCE

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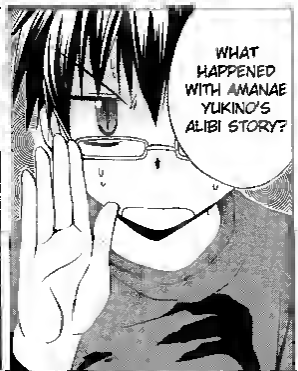
I WAS RIGHT ON TIME!
YOU JUST DECIDED TO COME HERE EARLIER YOURSELF!
YOU CALLED ME
BUT WERE LATE YOURSELF.
IF WE HADN'T RUSHED HER,
I THINK IMARI WOULD PURPOSELY COME LATE...
IT'S EXACTLY 5 O'CLOCK RIGHT NOW,
BUT BARELY COMING ON TIME IS RUDE TOO.
WAS IT A SLY PLAN TO IRRITATE THE OTHER PERSON BY MAKING HER WAIT?
IT'S NOT SLY OR ANYTHING !!
CALL IT THE ART OF WAR!!
...SO AMANAE...

THE ONE WHO SAYS "I GIVE UP" LOSES.
That's right!!
Let's begin like you promised!!
Now let's have a normal...

Fight!!
WAIT A MINUTE !!!

... OR RATHER


WHAT HAPPENED WITH AMANAE YUKINO'S ALIBI STORY?

* THE NAME OF A THREE SECTION STAFF. WIKI IT
HA
SO YOU..
ARE A PART OF THE SANSETSUKON* WAVE...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH NUNCHUKS IN THIS RIVERBED?!
What's wrong with nunchuks?!
It's a dragon weapon!
THOSE TWO ARE A BAD COMBINATION...
IT'S NOT A STORY OF POLITICAL PARTIES!!
DECISIVE MATCH...?
HEY,
ONE MONTH AGO, IMARI AND AMANE-SAN HAD THEIR DECISIVE MATCH ABOUT THE DISPUTE OVER SAWAMURA-KUN.

FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ...?
Since the old days, a decisive match on the riverbed was an important event!!
SHAKE
That way, miracles like old enemies becoming friends could happen!!
AND SO
YOU AND AMANAE BECAME FRIENDS?
NO WAY.
.....
SO WHY IS SHE CLAIMING THAT AMANAE HAS AN ALIBI?

EVEN THOUGH AMANAE ACTED LIKE SAWAMURA DIDN'T MATTER, SHE DIDN'T COMPLETELY REJECT HIM
THAT'S WHY SAWAMURA KEPT ON CHASING AMANAE AND DIDN'T GIVE UP

ANYWAY,

IMARI, ENRAGED, PRESSED HER SAYING, "HAVE A DECISIVE MATCH WITH ME, AND IF YOU LOSE, WASH YOUR HANDS OF SAWAMURA!"

EACH TIME I REMEMBER IT, IT WAS AN EXTREME MATCH.
Haaa, my head hurts
WE FOUGHT EACH OTHER
POWER TO POWER, TRICK TO TRICK!

ISN'T THERE SOME MISTAKE IN THERE?
BUT AMANAE-SAN AGREED QUICKLY,
SAYING, "IF IT'S IN THE FORM OF A 2 HOUR LIMIT DEATH MATCH."

※ THIS IS AN IMAGE
AMANAE WAS STRONG LIKE A DEMON.
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT
IT WAS JUST ONE-SIDED IMARI WAS DEFEATED ON THE SPOT.
IT'S NOT A COMPLETE LIE
YES, THAT WAS EXCITING.
SHE FIRST MADE IMARI FAINT WITH A QUICK BACK DROP.
BUT SHE FAINTED ABOUT 20 TIMES
I DON'T REMEMBER IT ALL BECAUSE SHE WAS HIT SO MANY TIMES THAT WE STARTED GETTING DISGUSTED
THE 2ND FAINT WAS FROM A BACK THROW
WHEN IMARI WOKE UP, SHE HADN'T LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE AND FACED AMANAE, JUST TO BE HURLED BY HER, WHO HAD PUT THE BOOK ASIDE
And so
SHE PLAYED AROUND PICKING UP STONES, WENT A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY, SAT DOWN, AND STARTED READING A BOOK
ABOVE THAT, WHILE WE WERE LOOKING AFTER THE FAINTED IMARI,
BUT THERE IS NO BACK DROP FOR GIRLS WHO WEAR SKIRTS

AFTER ALL, IMARI DIDN'T SAY "I GIVE UP" EVEN WHEN SHE WAS CONSCIOUS, SO IT DIDN'T END AT ALL
WE, WHO TOOK CARE OF IMARI THAT TIME, WERE IN TROUBLE TOO.
AND WITHOUT EXHALISTING, SHE JUST KEPT BEATING IMARI OVER AND OVER AGAIN
AND AMANAE-SAN TOO,
WITH NO CHANGE IN HER FACIAL EXPRESSION OR ANY HINT OF GETTING OUT OF BREATH,
KUH
THAT DAMN AMANAE ...
Haaa
LIKE I SAID..
SHE HID SUCH FANGS PRETENDING TO BE A LADY...

WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE ALIBI STORY?
AH
THE MATCH LASTED FROM 5 PM TO 7.
I CHECKED IT WITH A CLOCK TOO
THE MATCH ENDED WITHOUT IMARI ADMITTING HER DEFEAT
INSTEAD, SHE WAS SO BEATEN UP THAT SHE COULDN'T STAND AT ALL, AND WE NEEDED TO TAKE HER.
AMANAE WAITED AND SAW US OFF IN THE BREEZE OF THAT RIVERBED
AND ON THAT NIGHT, THE 5TH VICTIM OF THE "MUSIC BOX SERIAL KILLER" WAS FOUND.
I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM THE POLICE AFTER AMANAE WAS ARRESTED.
THE ASSUMED TIME OF DEATH WAS ABOUT 5 PM TO 7 PM.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT'S RIGHT.

THE VICTIM LEFT HER FRIEND A LITTLE AFTER 3 PM.
HER TRACES FROM THERE ARE UNKNOWN.
THE 5TH VICTIM WAS FOUND IN A PARKING LOT 5 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM HERE.
...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
TAP
TAP
SO AMANAE WAS REALLY HAVING A DECISIVE MATCH WITH HER THE WHOLE TIME
YOU TWO WITNESSED IT.
SHE DIDN'T MOVE FROM THIS RIVERBED.
How about it, young detective?!
That's right!!
That's why it's impossible for Amanae to be the killer.
She has an alibi!
SHE WAS "HAVING A DECISIVE MATCH" DURING THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.
WHAT AN AMAZING ALIBI...

...
GLANCE
WELL ...
ISN'T IT TOO SOON TO DECIDE THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HER TO BE THE MURDERER?
WHA ...
WHAT ?!
USING A LITTLE TRICK, AMANAE COULD STILL BE THE MURDERER.
THE ALIBI FALLS SHORT.
LOOK,
JUST LISTEN WELL. (AND READ WELL)
Beast

WE KNOW THAT THE 5TH VICTIM WASN'T KILLED WHERE HE WAS FOUND BUT WAS KILLED SOMEWHERE ELSE AND TRANSFERRED THERE. SO IT'S POSSIBLE AMANAE CAUGHT THE VICTIM BEFORE 5 PM AND KNOCKED HER OUT USING CHLOROFORM OR SOMETHING, BOUND HER HANDS AND LEGS, SEALED HER MOUTH, PUT HER INTO A BAG, AND HID HER SOMEWHERE ALONG THE RIVER BED. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PRETTY EASY BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF GRASS HERE, SO IF SOMEONE THREW A BIG GARBAGE BAG, YOU COULD EASILY MISS IT. AND ALTHOUGH YOU SAID THEY FOUGHT THE WHOLE TIME, IN THE MANY TIMES THAT IMARI FAINTED AND YOU TOOK CARE OF HER, AMANAE COULD HAVE GOTTEN CLOSE TO THE HIDDEN BAG. WHILE SEEMING LIKE SHE WAS PLAYING WITH ROCKS, SHE COULD'VE KILLED THE VICTIM INSIDE THE BAG AND THEN GOTTEN BACK TO YOU WITH AN INNOCENT LOOK, AND YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE NOTICED A THING. AFTER THE MATCH ENDED AND YOU LEFT, SHE COULD HAVE TAKEN THE BAG CONTAINING THE CORPSE WITH HER, CAUGHT A TAXI TO GO SOMEWHERE DEVOID OF PEOPLE, LEFT THE CORPSE THERE, AND IT'D ALL BE OVER. WITH THAT, THERE IS A CHANCE THAT SHE BECAME A MURDERER WITHOUT YOU NOTICING, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS WITH YOU THE WHOLE TIME AND THUS HAD AN ALIBI.

YOU DID WELL!!
You're really a young detective!
You just broke the alibi wonderfully
Oh...
MORON!
AS IF I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE SUCH A TRICK!!
OUCH
THEY'RE DEFINITELY MAKING FUN OF ME
THAT HURT!
YOU USUALLY CARRY NUNCHUKS WITH YOU?!
OF COURSE
HEY, IMAI!
WHAT THIS YOUNG DETECTIVE SAYS IS LOGICAL.
AND IT'S REASONABLE THAT THIS DECISIVE MATCH THAT HAD NO COMMON SENSE IN IT WAS FOR THE ALIBI.
OKAY, WAIT THERE

Hmmh
If she had used her time like that for an alibi,
She should've declared it to the police the moment she was arrested!!
What reason would she have to make an alibi if she didn't use that?!
AH
WE DIDN'T REALIZE SOMETHING THAT EVEN IMARI DID!
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
WE REALLY CAN'T USE THIS YOUNG DETECTIVE!
MAYBE MORONS
HAVE A WILD SENSE?
FUUU
WHAAA, THAT'S A PROBLEM!!
SO THAT'S HOW THEY SEE ME, HUH...

Hey, young detective!
The alibi is real!
Think about it as though Amanae isn't the culprit!
HAA...
...EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CREATE AN ALIBI TO GIVE TO THE POLICE..
MAYBE AMANAE YUKINE CREATED IT SO ONLY THESE 3 PEOPLE BELIEVE SHE'S INNOCENT?
THANKS TO SUCH AN ALIBI,
EVEN IF IT'S AFTER AMANAE IS CAUGHT, A WEIRD "SOMETHING" IS RAISED UP.

AMANAE YUKINE THOUGHT ABOUT THE MATCH FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF HER ARREST?
.....
IF IT'S JUST ADDING COMPLICITIES TO THE KILLING, SUCH AN ALIBI IS SIMPLE TO MAKE.
WELL, SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO PLAN IT SO POORLY.
THERE IS REALLY SUCH DOUBT IN ALL OF THIS.
IF THAT'S HOW IT WAS ——
WAS THERE ANYTHING SHE PLANNED ON SAWAMURA SHIROU'S SIDE?

I beg of you!
Can you lend me your powers?
HUH?

OUCH
WHO IS HE TO SUDDENLY GRAB RYOUKO-SAN'S HAND?!
AH
HE HAS A PICTURE OF RYOUKO-SAN AND A MAP OF THE SCHOOL!
Huh ? Huh ?
ANOTHER DEGENERATE ?!
わあ
わあ
パン!

Ask for information first!
Are you monkeys ?!
.....
SORRY,
MY CLUB MEMBERS SUDDENLY ...
...
NO.

I was in quite a hurry.
I'm sorry.
DID YOU RECEIVE THAT FROM NARUMI KIYOTAKA?
HUH? YES.
... THAT'S RIGHT ...
... THAT MAN.
SAWAMURA SHIROU
MAYBE HE'S NOT A BAD GUY...?

WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO LEND YOU MY POWERS
YOU MEAN ABOUT AMANAE YUKINE'S CASE?
! YES.
HE FEELS LIKE INVOLVING ME EVEN IF I DON'T WISH IT?
I WANT TO SAVE AMANAE.
I SPOKE TO NARUMI KIYOTAKA,
AND HE TOLD ME TO GO TO YOU
IF IT'S YOU, ONE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN
!
...
Don't say that name so carelessly.
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SORRY,
GO AHEAD OF ME.
.....
HARUNA... I LEAVE IT TO YOU.
AH... OKAY.
... I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

HUH?
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TURNED AMANAE YUKINE IN, RIGHT?
THEN WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO SAVE HER NOW THAT IT'S LATE?
IF I HADN'T TURNED HER IN TO THE POLICE, AMANAE WOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED
AND EVEN NOW THAT SHE HAS STOPPED,
IT'S NOT LIKE THE QUESTION HAS BEEN SOLVED...
I
HAVE TO FIND THE ANSWER TO THAT.

IF NOT, AMANAE WILL KILL AGAIN
AND WILL JUST KEEP HURTING HERSELF
...EVEN IF AMANAE YUKINE IS A MURDERER,
YOU WANT TO SAVE HER?
IS NO REASON TO GIVE UP.
...SUCH A THING

THERE'S A MORON I WANT TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE OF SINCERITY.
...SO
TO WHAT QUESTION ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR AN ANSWER?
What if a child were to grow to be a serial killer?
Is it right to kill him before he grows up—
—What if...
Or not...?

KNOWING SUCH A THING MEANS
?
HE WAS PULLED IN REALLY DEEP BY AMANAE YUKINE
ISN'T IT TOO DANGEROUS?
WHAT IS KIYOTAKA THINKING?
HMM,
HERE IS FINE.
PLEASE STOP.

* WHO IN HERE WAS TRANSLATED FROM NANI-SAMA

IT'S NOT A LINE OF GRUDGE AND THEFT
THE CULPRIT IS IN THE AREA OF THE VICTIMS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
INVESTIGATE THOSE WHO PROFIT FROM SHIFT OF PERSONAL.
YOU SPEAK AS THOUGH YOU KNOW SOMETHING
THERE IS NOTHING I DON'T KNOW
AND NOTHING I DON'T UNDERSTAND
YOU STILL DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE THAT?
KIYOTAKA

THEY SAY IT'S FUN NOT KNOWING WHAT'S AHEAD.
IF YOU KNOW ALL
AND UNDERSTAND ALL,
IS IT FUN TO LIVE LIKE THAT?
THAT'S ALREADY
STEP

I'M ACTING TO SEE IF IT ISN'T A LITTLE FUN SOMEHOW...

KIYOTAKA -SAMA!
HEY.

YAA, RIO!
YOU'RE WONDERFULLY SMALL AS ALWAYS!
YOU PROMISED NOT TO SAY THAT —
HA... HAHA
HAU...
hahaha

KIYOTAKA-SAMA, MY EYES ARE GETTING REALLY SPUN AROUND
OH,
SORRY, SORRY.
HAU UUU
SORRY TO CALL YOU RIGHT AFTER YOUR LAST JOB ENDED.
ガラガラ
THERE ARE NOT MANY PEOPLE I CAN RELY ON
NO, NO,
IF I'M BEING CALLED BY KIYOTAKA-SAMA.
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
I NEED YOU TO ENCOURAGE THE NEW GUYS.
...THAT AND
WE HAVE TO DO OUR BEST WITH THOSE TWO FOR THE NEXT TIME TOO.

I'M SORRY, BUT YOU MIGHT NEED TO GET RID OF SOME PEOPLE.
THAT'S JUST LIKE ALWAYS.
FUMUU
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT'S RIGHT.

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CHAPTER 10: KILLING WIND

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HAA
...BUT THAT IMARI GIRL WAS LIKE THAT TOO...
ANYWAY, WHY DOES IT TROUBLE YOU THAT AMANAE YUKINE IS THE CULPRIT?

AMANAE WOULD HAVE AN UNSIGHTLY CAPTURE WHILE FLEEING WHEN THEY SEARCH HER NAME
あ…れ
IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, SHE'D BE CORNERED AND SHOT TO DEATH
!!
AND THEN I'D JUMP INTO THE OPENING IN TRAGIC SAWAMURA'S HEART AND IT'D BE A BIG VICTORY!
THAT'S WHAT I HAD PLANNED FROM THE START! KII!!
おどり
ドン
SHE'S TERRIBLE..
HEY, MR DETECTIVE
へへへへ
WHAT IF I KNOW A GIRL WHO HAS A MUSIC BOX, SAME AS THE ONE FROM THE CASE?
Hm?
THAT'S RIGHT !!
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SAWAMURA YOUR OWN,
MUUU
ISN'T IT BETTER FOR HIS BEAUTIFUL GIRLFRIEND TO BE IN PRISON?
AT FIRST, SHE REALLY SOLD AMANAE TO THE POLICE WITH THAT THOUGHT IN MIND
……
ベチンベチン

HE ALREADY KNEW ABOUT HIM BACK THEN?
THE DETECTIVE THAT IMARI TOLD AMANAE ABOUT, SAIKI
ALREADY KNEW SAWAMURA-KUN'S NAME BACK THEN
SO I THINK THEY WOULD'VE GOTTEN TO AMANAE-SAN EVEN IF WE WEREN'T THERE
HMM?
SO AMANAE WAS CAUGHT LIKE SHE AIMED FOR
WHAT WENT WRONG?
THAT IS, WELL...
SAWAMURA IS A REALLY GOOD PERSON.
EVEN IF AMANAE IS A MURDERER, MY FEELINGS WON'T CHANGE.
I HAVE TO DO
WHAT I CAN FOR AMANAE.

カラン…
SAWAMURA WAS SO COOL WHEN HE SAID THAT…
YEAH…
…AND WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT, HE DIDN'T TURN TO IMARI EVEN ONE BIT…
カッ!
Oh, God
Why is Sawamura choosing Amanae over me?
IT'S NORMAL TO HATE SUCH A WOMAN…

SO WHAT WAS HER NEXT GOAL?
WHAT IF AMANAE WASN'T THE CULPRIT OF THAT INCIDENT?
THEN THERE'S ANOTHER CULPRIT.
BUT AMANAE DIDN'T CLAIM THAT,
AND SHE ARRANGED THE EVIDENCE SO SHE WAS THE ONLY SUSPECT, WHY?
AH.
I SEE..
That's right ...
The reason that Amanae is pretending to be the culprit even though she has an alibi is to cover for someone...

But since it's impossible for Sawamura to be the culprit, it means that Amanae has another boyfriend!!!
And it's obvious the only one whom she can take the killer's sin upon for herself is her lover!
HAA
AND FOR THAT, SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT AMANAE BEING THE CULPRIT..
LOGIC DECLARES THAT SAWAMURA-KUN WOULD FEEL BETRAYED AND DUMP AMANAE-SAN
MEANING IF AMANAE-SAN HAS OTHER BOYFRIENDS,
FUFU FUFU FU FUFUFU FUFUFU FU...
WHAT WILL SHE DO IF THE ONE AMANAE IS COVERING FOR IS A CLOSE FRIEND OR A BENEFACTOR?
FU.. FUFU
SHE THINKS QUITE A LOT AT HER CONVENIENCE

I'LL SMASH YOUR PLANS!!
I'LL DRAG YOUR REAL BOYFRIEND OUT INTO BROAD DAYLIGHT,
AND I'LL HAND HIM OVER TO THE POLICE!!
YOU DECEIVED PURE SAWAMURA!
I'LL OPEN SAWAMURA'S EYES, DEFINITELY!!
FUHA HAHA HAHA HAHA
THAT AMANAE !!!

AND I'LL GET HIM BACK FROM THE HANDS OF THE EVIL SORCERESS!!
Excaliber !!!
Shine in my hand,
WHICH ONE IS IT
SHE'S THE EVIL ONE.

ANYWAY, I HAVE TO PUT THEM TO GOOD USE
IN THE END... WE BROKE UP AFTER EXCHANGING CONTACT ADDRESSES...
SO WHAT'S UP WITH THIS?
.....
Oyes

Why are you running away?
... Why
Why are you here?!
Rio!!

I FOUND MYSELF TALKING WITH SAWAMURA SHIROU FOR SO LONG THAT I'M LATE
I WONDER WHAT KOUSUKE IS DOING...

HEY, RIO!!
WHY ARE YOU IN JAPAN ?!
I TOLD YOU, I WAS CALLED HERE BY KIYOTAKA-SAMA.

YOU'RE BAD AT UNDERSTANDING THINGS AS USUAL——
AND IF I'M HERE, YOU'LL BE MORE STRONG-MINDED, RIGHT?
IT HASN'T BECOME SUCH A BAD SITUATION THAT WE NEED YOU!
DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE IT'LL TURN OUT THAT WAY?
IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T GROWN A BIT
SHUT UP.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE RYOUKO GETS BACK
HUH, I THOUGHT ABOUT STAYING HERE TOO
You can't.
HAH

SO I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO REMAIN HERE♪
Hey!
KOUSUKE-KUN, YOU'RE REALLY CHEEKY.
Grin
THIS IS BAD.
IF SHE MEETS WITH RYOUKO...!
WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO DO?
I'M WAITING TO MEET THAT KID CALLED "RYOUKO-CHAN".
I WONDER IF I SHOULD TALK WITH HER ABOUT KOUSUKE-KUN'S ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE

YOU—
THAT IS ..!
IT'S FINE EVEN IF YOU DON'T SHINE IN THEM.
KANONE-KUN PRAISED YOU TOO.
そか
YOU BE QUIET FOR A WHILE!
HEY, KOUSUKE.
THE SMALL SHOES IN THE HALLWAY,
WHOSE ARE THEY...

Yo...
u...
PERVERT
Guee

IT'S A CRIME TO BRING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GIRL HOME!!
I TOLD YOU, YOU'RE WRONG!!
YOU'RE WRONG! IT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING!!
WHAT AM I MISUNDER-STANDING ?!
IN- IN- IN THIS LATE HOUR,
HOLDING DOWN A GIRL...
So what is she?!
BE HAPPY, RYOUKO.
.....
.....

THIS IS SOMETHING WE GOT FROM THE FAR TOUHOKU, THE PHANTOM "ZASHIKIWARASHI"* THAT IS SAID TO BRING HAPPINESS TO THE HOUSE SHE'S IN.
HO
THE ZASHIKIWARASHI OF THESE DAYS HAVE QUITE STYLISH HAIR AND GARMENTS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I WAS SURPRISED TOO.
IT SEEMS THEY'RE UNEXPECTEDLY SENSITIVE FOR FASHION
WHICH MEANS, RYOUKO...
TO GET ON THE ZASHIKIWARASHI'S GOOD SIDE,
GO BUY A CAKE OR SOMETHING
AH
DON'T TELL LIES LIKE KIYOTAKA ...
TELL THE TRUTH ...!

* A HOUSEHOLD DEITY IN TOUHOKU

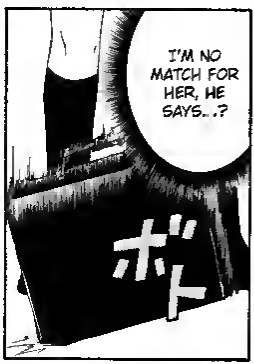
I...
I UNDERSTAND.
SHE'S ONE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN LIKE US..
I TOLD YOU NOT TO LIE!
THERE IS NO WAY SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE SHE CAN TURN INTO A KEY HOLDER COULD BE THAT AGE!!
THE BLADE CHILDREN ARE 14 YEARS OLD IN THE WORST CASE!
SHE HAS RUDE EXAMPLES ..
Nice to meet you, Takamachi Ryooko-san.
I'm one of the Blade Children,
Takeuchi Rio.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME TASKS THAT KOUSUKE-KUN AND I DID TOGETHER IN THE PAST.
KOUSUKE-KUN, SHE'S SO...
AND I'M ALSO PAST 14 YEARS OLD.
SEE, MY PASSPORT.
PASSPORT
JAPAN
JPN
XXXXXXXXX
TAKEUCHI
RIO
JAPAN
26 OCT 19
I'VE TEAMED UP WITH KOUSUKE-KUN AGAIN TO SOLVE THE "MUSIC BOX SERIAL KILLER" CASE.
SHE'S OLDER THAN ME?!
SO.. SHE WAS BORN IN OCTOBER...
BORN IN NOVEMBER

Please take good care of me.
So I'll stay here for a while and help you.
HELP US, YOU SAY...
HEY, KOUSUKE !!
WE HAVE A SPARE ROOM ANYWAY.
WE CAN LEAVE HER SOME ROOM, RIGHT?
HAA ?
I CAN'T HELP IN THIS CASE,
BUT THAT SHRIMP CAN?!
IT'S FINE.
AND

RIO IS SOMEONE YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR.

TO THAT GIRL WHO LOOKS LIKE SHE'LL FALL FLAT FROM ONE HIT?!


I'M NO MATCH FOR HER, HE SAYS...?
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WHA
...

WHA
...

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ALL ALONE IN THERE..
HUH?
SHE CALLED HIM "KOUSUKE-KUN" SO OVER-FAMILIARLY
THAT'S RIGHT..
WHO'S THE ONE WHO IS EAVESDROPPING?
.....

RYOUKO-CHAN IS REALLY CUTE.
IN WHAT?!
THAT HUGE, VIOLENT WOMAN
HEEEE
SO KOUSUKE-KUN LIKES SMALL AND OBEDIENT GIRLS?
THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS
ふふっ
You two are still kids.
I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD THAT BY HER
……
So,
Kousuke-kun.

What do you want to do with that girl?
NOTHING.
... HEY.
IF YOU RUN AWAY LIKE THAT,
YOU WON'T KNOW IF SHE CRIES LATER.
IF THAT GIRL IS PRECIOUS TO YOU,
EITHER BRING HER COMPLETELY TO THIS SIDE,
OR SEVER ALL CONNECTIONS WITH HER.

I DON'T TELL HER INFORMATION BECAUSE I DON'T WANT HER TO BE IN DANGER,
BUT BECAUSE I WANT TO BE WITH HER FROM TIME TO TIME, I CAN'T REALLY BE COLD WITH HER.
AREN'T YOU JUST BEING TOO SELFISH?
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TELL HER,
YOU SHOULD JUST TELL HER.
IT'S STILL USELESS

IF I GET HER INVOLVED, I CAN'T PROTECT HER AS I AM NOW.
NOT TO MENTION WHAT I WANT TO TELL HER
HAAA
HE'S A MORON SO IT'S USELESS FOR HIM TO THINK...
... IF YOU DO SOMETHING INCOMPLETELY,

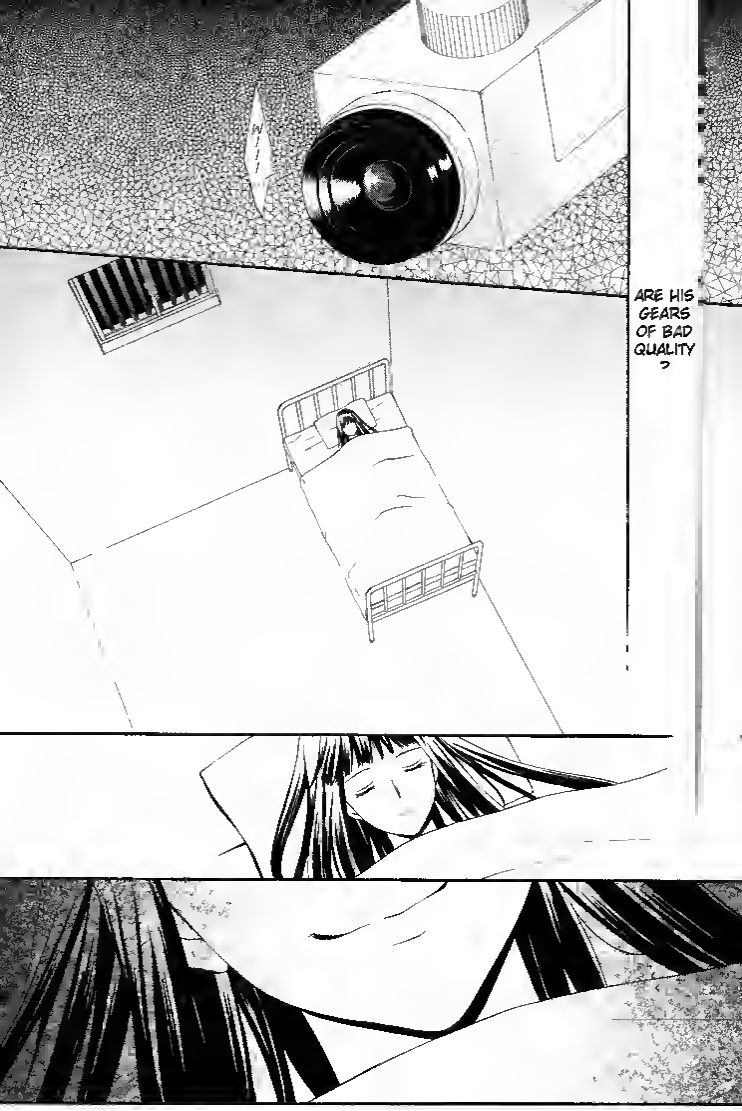
THAT GIRL
WILL DIE IMMEDIATELY?
'AT ?!?!

HE SAID THINGS LIKE WHETHER I'M STILL A GIRL ALTHOUGH I'M SO HUGE, NOT APPEALING AND VIOLENT,
AND HE'S TELLING HER ABOUT THAT THE MINUTE HE MEETS HER EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SO SMALL!!
COMPARED TO HER, I'M COMPLETELY NOT GIRL-LIKE!
THE KEY HOLDER GIRL JUST NOW,
AND AMANAE YUKINE TOO,
WHY ARE GUYS TRYING TO PROTECT GIRLS THE MINUTE THEY SEE THEM...?!
Amanae Yukine is a murderer, right?!
Damn.
What's wrong with me,
What's wrong,
What's wrong ???

... IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL...
I'LL ACT ON MY OWN TOO...!!
すっ
I'LL REACH THE TRUTH OF THE CASE FROM MY LINE FIRST.
I THOUGHT ABOUT TALKING WITH HIM ABOUT SAWAMURA SHIROU. BUT I WON'T DO THAT
ALTHOUGH SHE'S SO SMALL...
I'LL LOSE TO HER, YOU SAY?!
Pan
!

I UNDERSTAND
TOMORROW AT 11AM.
YES, FOR SURE.
SO WE HAVE SOME THINGS TO DO TOMORROW TOO?
YES
NARUMI KIYOTAKA IS MEETING WITH THAT GIRL DIRECTLY...
THAT MAN IS, DIRECTLY?

WITH AMANAE?
...I HEARD A RUMOR THAT TAKEUCHI RIO IS IN JAPAN TOO...
THAT MAN...


ARE HIS GEARS OF BAD QUALITY ?

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CHAPTER 11: POSSESSED HEART

NARUMI KIYOTAKA...
WHY ARE YOU A PANDA?
WHY, YOU ASK?
BECAUSE BLACK AND WHITE IS STYLISH RIGHT NOW...
WHAT IS THAT PERSON THINK-ING...?
IF YOU COULD UN-DERSTAND, YOU'D BE A GOD

BUT THAT GIRL IS ALSO SO SET ON HER NATURE
BUT ...
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO PLANNING—
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, AMANAE YUKINE-KUN.
SOMETHING LIKE 9 YEARS, RIGHT?
SO, YOU ...
I'M VERY SHY.
YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME FOR THAT.
AND WHEN I FINALLY MANAGE TO MEET WITH YOU, YOU'RE A PANDA.
IT WAS REAL TROUBLE-SOME.
IT TOOK ME A LOT OF TIME TO MEET WITH YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT.

KILLED 6 BLADE CHILDREN JUST TO MEET WITH ME
AND GOT CAUGHT ON PURPOSE?
13.
IS THAT YOUR REVENGE?
OR YOUR PARENTS' LAST WISH?
OR IS IT YOUR JUSTICE?
TSUCHIYA-SAN.

AMANAE YUKINE'S PARENTS WERE KILLED BY THE BLADE CHILDREN.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE MEANING OF... JUSTICE IN REVENGE IS?
.....
ABOUT 9 YEARS AGO
HER PARENTS WERE KILLED BY THE BLADE CHILDREN?

I DON'T QUITE KNOW THE DETAILS.
I FOUND THIS OLD NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.
IT'S A RARE SURNAME.
A copy of the news paper?
THE HOUSE OF THE AMANAE FAMILY WAS BURNED DOWN.
I ENQUIRED ABOUT IT.
EVERYONE, EXCEPT A GIRL OF 8 YEARS, RAN AWAY TOO LATE AND BURNED TO DEATH.
IN THE END, THE GIRL WHO SURVIVED WAS AMANAE.
TWIST
THAT TIME, IT WAS REVEALED WITH A WHIFF.
"FATHER AND MOTHER WEREN'T LATE TO RUN AWAY."
"THEY WERE KILLED BY THE BLADE CHILDREN."

TO TAKE IT?
"AND THEY LET ME RUN AWAY
TO TAKE THE LAST RESPONSI-BILITY——"
...SO AMANAE YUKINE IS A VICTIM OF THE BLADE CHILDREN
THEN THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THE CULPRIT IS NOT SOME-ONE WE CAN HATE
THERE WAS NOTHING MORE——...
IT WASN'T AN ATMO-SPHERE IN WHICH I COULD JUST INTERFERE AND ASK ABOUT IT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS WHEN YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS IN SUCH A HORRIBLE SITUATION?
HUH?
AAAA
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, YOU-
IS IT OKAY TO DITCH SCHOOL?

ANYWAY, I'M ONE OF THOSE PROBLEM-ATIC BLADE CHILDREN
I MIGHT BE AMANAE YUKINE'S ENEMY, RIGHT?
FOR YOU TO BRING ONE OF THEM TO YOUR OWN HOUSE
YOU SHOULD BE ON ALERT TOO
Ha Ha Ha Ha
THERE ISN'T THE FEEL OF SOMEONE LIVING HERE. THIS IS A ROOM JUST BEFORE OR AFTER MOVING.
IT'S NOT THE ROOM OF A 17 YEAR OLD OR SO
YOU CAN'T FEEL THE RESI-DENTS' PERSON-ALITIES OR ATMO-SPHERE
... WELL

IT FEELS LIKE HE THREW EVERYTHING AWAY FOR ONE GOAL...
IT'S GOOD THING HE'S SINCERE, BUT...
SAWAMURA SHIROU
AH... NO
WHAT IS IT?
SUCH A PERSON IS UNEXPECTEDLY DANGEROUS, QUITE DIFFERENT FROM HIS APPEARANCE...
SO I WANT TO ASK OF YOU.
.....
IF I THINK TOO DEEPLY ABOUT HIM BEING PULLED INTO EVERYTHING.
THERE MIGHT ALSO BE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT IF I HIDE IT POORLY
IT SEEMS LIKE MOST OF THE QUESTIONS REFER TO THEM
WHAT ARE THESE BLADE CHILDREN ANYWAY?

ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'S NOT ALRIGHT TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF IT
PUTTING IT SIMPLY,
WE'RE 80 KIDS ARTIFICIALLY CREATED BY SOME ORGANIZATION.
Have you heard about that?
IN VITRO FERTILIZATION OR TEST TUBE BABIES —
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BECAUSE WE WERE ALL BORN IN THE SAME YEAR,
WE'RE ALL EITHER 14 OR 15 YEARS OLD
KIDS WHO WERE ARTIFICIALLY CREATED 15 YEARS AGO

YOU WERE BORN IN A SPECIAL WAY,
BUT YOU'RE THE SAME AS US IN EVERYTHING ELSE, NO?
BUT WHAT'S THE PROBLEM IN THAT?
WASN'T IT IMPOSSIBLE WITH SUCH TECHNOLOGY?
THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.
LATER,
IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN LIKE THAT WOULD BE A BIG THREAT IN THE FUTURE.
A DANGER SUCH THAT IT WAS BELIEVED THAT WE COULDN'T BE LEFT ALIVE LIKE THIS.

SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SOMETHING LIKE YOU'LL BECOME MURDERERS IN THE FUTURE?
THAT DANGER IS...
BLADE CHILDREN TOO, RIGHT?
YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE
I CAN'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT.
.....
IT IS SAID THAT THE DEADLINE IS AT 20 YEARS OF AGE...
I'M STILL AT AN AGE WHERE IT'S FINE

IT'S JUST THAT
IT SEEMS THERE IS SOME KIND OF IMPETUS THAT CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN EARLIER.
I SEE.
FRESS
SO THAT'S RELATED TO THE CURSED "BLADE CHILDREN PLAN" AMANAE MENTIONED?

AMANAE YUKINE KNEW THE CONTENTS OF THE "BLADE CHILDREN PLAN"?
YES.
BUT I DIDN'T ASK ABOUT THAT IN DETAIL EITHER.
IT SEEMS AMANAE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT AROUND THE SAME TIME SHE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL AFTER RECEIVING HER PARENTS' INHERITANCE
HER PARENTS WERE ...
INVOLVED IN THAT "BLADE CHILDREN PLAN".

AMANAE YUKINE'S FATHER WAS A SURGEON,
HER MOTHER WAS A PSYCHIATRIST,
AND THEY HELD A BIG ROLE IN THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF THE "BLADE CHILDREN PLAN".
SO...
JUST AS KOUSUKE-KUN KNOWS,
THE PLAN WENT BANKRUPT 9 YEARS AGO.
MORE LIKE THAT BANKRUPTCY WAS...
CAUSED BY KIYOTAKA
AND SINCE THEN HE'S JUST BEEN CLEANING UP.

AMANAE'S PARENTS WERE INVOLVED IN THAT TOO?
THEY PROBABLY COULDN'T DECIDE HOW TO REDEEM THE SIN THEY'D COMMITTED.
AFTER THAT, THEY MOVED TO BECOME UNINVOLVED
AND PULLED INTO A HOUSE IN JAPAN TOGETHER WITH THEIR DAUGHTER, YUKINE
AT THAT TIME, IT MIGHT HAVE LOOKED TO THEM AS AT LEAST AN ATONEMENT
THEY TOOK ONE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN, "CHARLOTTE", WITH THEM.
AND THAT INVITED THE CATASTROPHE 3 MONTHS LATER—
THE HOUSE THEY MOVED TO WAS HERE?
YES

AMANAE'S BIG MANSION WAS HERE IN THE PAST.
BUT IT COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED IN THE FIRE.
THIS PLOT OF LAND WAS DISPOSED OF.
LAND FOR SALE
BUT THEY COULDN'T FIND A BUYER BECAUSE PEOPLE HAD DIED HERE
CHE KIYOTAKA, THAT BASTARD.
THAT WASN'T WRITTEN IN THE DOCUMENT HE GAVE ME EARLIER.
THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU THIS
An underling can't complain
ABOUT 9 YEARS AGO ...

A LITTLE AFTER MIDNIGHT
THE AMANAE RESIDENCE CAUGHT ON FIRE
IT WAS REPORTED BY THOSE WHO LIVED NEARBY
AND WHEN THE FIREMEN CAME THE MANSION WAS COMPLETELY ENGULFED
BUT ONLY ONE
ONLY AMANAE YUKINE 8 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME
EVEN WHILE SHE WAS HURT AND ON VERGE OF DEATH. CRAWLED OUT OF THE DOOR
SHE WAS BROUGHT TO AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY
AND HER LIFE WAS SAVED
BUT THERE WAS ONE WEIRD THING.

AMANAE YUKINE HAD A SERIOUS INJURY, BUT IT WAS NOT FROM THE FIRE—
SHE HAD BEEN STABBED WITH A SHARP OBJECT.
IT SEEMED LIKE SHE HAD DOZENS OF WOUNDS FROM HER CHEST TO HER BELLY.
THE NEXT DAY, THEY INVESTIGATED THE BURNT RUINS,
AND THEY FOUND 3 BODIES
AND ONE OF THEM HAD A KITCHEN KNIFE HELD STRONGLY IN HER HAND.
IT WAS THE BLADE CHILD WHO WAS JUST 6 YEARS OLD THAT THE AMANAE COUPLE HAD TAKEN IN,
CHARLOTTE, WHO DID IT
THE COUPLE HAD DOZENS OF STAB WOUNDS ON THEIR BODIES JUST LIKE AMANAE YUKINE
THAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE THE REASON OF DEATH
BUT THE CHILD THAT HELD THE KITCHEN KNIFE WAS BEING EMBRACED BY AMANAE YUKINE'S FATHER
AND DIED FROM A BROKEN NECK BONE

THE CAUSE OF THE 3 PEOPLE'S DEATHS WERE SAID BE FROM BEING LATE TO RUN AWAY
IT WAS PRESENTED AS A FIRE THAT STARTED BECAUSE OF THE MISUSE OF CIGARETTES.
BUT
AMANAE YUKINE'S STABS WERE ERASED FROM THE HOSPITAL CLINICAL RECORDS TOO
AT THE VERY FAMILY WHO TOOK HER IN.
OF ONLY AGE 6 LIFTED A BLADE ...
IT'S THE TRUTH THAT A BLADE CHILD ...
WHAT A DETESTABLE STORY ..
.....

THAT BLADE CHILD ...
HAD HER SWITCH PRESSED BY SOME CATALYST?
PROB-ABLY
WHEN HER SWITCH WAS PRESSED, SHE FELL INTO A STATE OF RAGE
AND ATTACKED AMANAE YUKINE
WHEN HER PARENTS NOTICED AND TRIED TO STOP HER—
TO TURN THE TABLES ON HER, THEY PROBABLY KILLED HER WHILE THEY LET THEIR DAUGHTER RUN AWAY
AS PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED WITH THE BLADE CHIL-DREN
THEY PROB-ABLY HAD NO CHOICE IF HER SWITCH WAS ACTIVATED.
I THINK IT'S THE MINIMUM DUTY THEY NEED TO CARRY ON
AND WHY WAS THERE A FIRE?

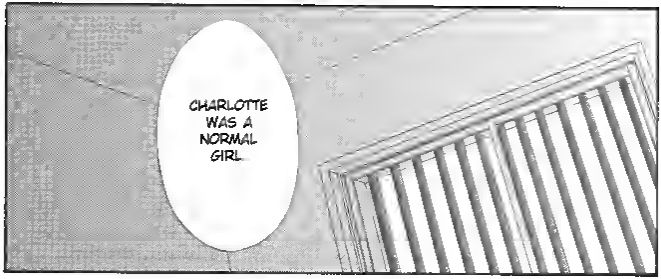
AND THE ONLY SURVIVOR, AMANAE YUKINE,
DIDN'T TALK FOR A WHILE AND HER MEMORIES WERE IN DISARRAY, PROBABLY FROM THE SHOCK
AFTER THAT, THAT GIRL WAS TAKEN IN BY HER GRANDMOTHER
AND WHEN SHE BECAME A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, SHE OFFICIALLY INHERITED HER PARENTS' BEQUEST.
SO THE CHILDREN'S SECRET WOULDN'T BE REVEALED, THEY UNLEASHED A FIRE TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE
OR MAYBE AS PART OF THE STRUGGLE, A CIGARETTE FIRE SPREAD BY ACCIDENT— ...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ABOUT THAT.
I SEE
THE INHERITANCE
THE REASON WHY SHE STARTED TAKING REVENGE ON US, THE BLADE CHILDREN, MIGHT LIE WITH THAT.
.....

IT MIGHT NOT BE VENGEANCE,
BUT RATHER A SENSE OF JUSTICE.
"IF I LEAVE THOSE DANGEROUS CHILDREN ALONE, THERE MAY BE OTHER VICTIMS LIKE ME—
SO I'LL DIRTY MY HANDS..."
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THERE IS ALSO THE SITUATION...
THAT SHE WAS LEFT THE MISSION OF GETTING RID OF ALL THOSE WHO WERE BORN AS THE CURSED KIDS FROM HER PARENTS BEFORE THEIR DEATH
I HEARD FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND HER NEIGHBOURHOOD...

A GIRL WITH LONG HAIR VISITS THIS PLACE EVERY YEAR.
ON THE DAY OF THE FIRE,
THAT ONCE A YEAR.

AND IS IT JUST TO STOP IT?
IS SHE THE REAL CULPRIT? ARE THERE OTHERS WITH HER?
AND IS HER ONLY GOAL TO KILL THE BLADE CHILDREN?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND AMANAE YUKINE'S TRUE MOTIVE...
IN NO POSITION TO COMPLAIN, EVEN IF WE'RE KILLED
AT ANY RATE, WE ARE...
NO MATTER WHAT IT WAS,

AMANAE YUKINE
THERE IS SOME-THING MORE TERRIBLE LURKING
WITNESSED SOMETHING TERRIBLE HERE IN THE PAST
IN THE BEQUEST SHE IN-HERITED ...
SOMETHING THAT MADE IT UNNECESSARY FOR HER TO LOSE HER STEPPING IN LIFE
MAYBE


CHARLOTTE WAS A NORMAL GIRL

YOU
WHY
DID I HAVE TO SEE SUCH A HORRIBLE THING...?
WE LIVED AS THOUGH WE WERE REAL SISTERS.
DESPITE THAT, WHY DID IT TURN OUT THIS WAY?
LEARNED THE TRUTH, THE REASON
WHEN YOU SUCCEEDED YOUR PARENTS' BEQUEST?
MY, MY
THAT'S RIGHT.

THAT IS A MANNER OF SPEAKING.
I CHECKED THE AMANAE COUPLE'S INHERITANCE BEFOREHAND SO SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN
AND WAS SUPPOSED TO DELETE ALL DATA AND NOTES RELATED TO THE BLADE CHILDREN.
BUT BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO FIND A CERTAIN FILE
YOU DID SO, NOT IN ORDER TO PREVENT ME FROM KNOWING THE TRUTH.
AND YOU DIDN'T FIND IT UNTIL NOW
BUT... I INHERITED IT.

MIKANAGI FILE?!
THAT
"MIKANAGI FILE".
I KNOW.

NO
YOU USED THAT IN THE WORST CONCEIVABLE WAY.
NARUMI KIYOTAKA.
CAN YOU SEE THROUGH THE TRAP THAT I'VE SHOT AT YOU?
YOU CAN'T QUITE SAY THAT YET.
THE MEANING IT HAS STARTS NOW.
AND EVERYONE WILL SEE THE REAL TERROR FROM NOW ON.

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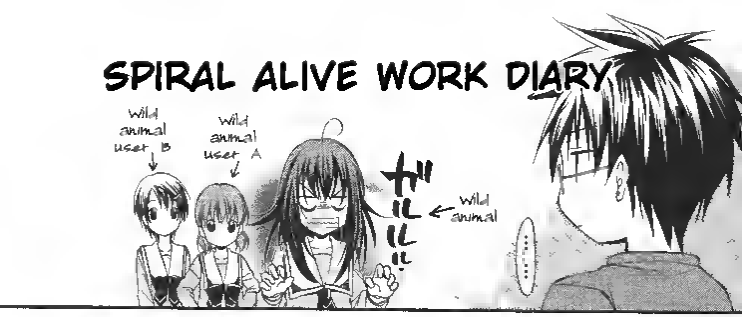

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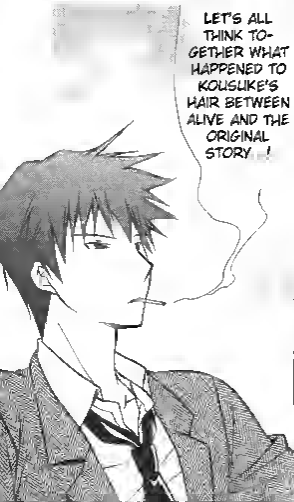
HELLO, AND IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
I'M SORRY IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME, BUT ALIVE HAS FINALLY RETURNED



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